

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **18 October 2007**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-28. Claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) based on Pleso (USPN 6,009,480, hereinafter “Pleso”).

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Independent claims 1, 11, and 20 were rejected as being anticipated by Pleso. Specifically, in the Response to Arguments, Examiner makes **equivalence of the universal contextual interface of the instant application to a generic device driver in Pleso** based on that *“a particular device driver which provides a communication interface between the device and the host.”* Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Applicant respectfully points out that in the instant application, the universal contextual interface is **a communication interface associated with a source device of the context information**, such as PDA 16 (see paragraph [0026] of the instant application). To get the context information from the source device, a requesting device, such as computer 12, **directly communicates with the source device through the universal contextual interface of the source device** (see paragraph [0028] of the instant application). More specifically, in the instant application, the requesting device communicates with the source device by **directly executing one or more interface functions associated with the universal contextual interface of the source device** (see page 9, lines 8-11, and page 14, lines 11-29 of the instant application).

Note that because the **universal contextual interface is associated with the source device and can be directly executed by the requesting device**, the universal contextual interface **does not need to be downloaded from the source device to the requesting device and does not need to be installed on the**

requesting device to establish the communication between the source device and the requesting device.

Applicant respectfully points out that Pleso is different from the instant application. Specifically, Pleso describes a technique for **providing and installing a device driver for a peripheral device on a computer system by automatically downloading the device driver onto the computer system** (see Pleso, col. 2, lines 39-65, and col. 8, lines 30-65). Therefore, the teaching of Pleso requires that **a device driver be downloaded and installed on the requesting device in order to establish a communication**. Note that Pleso effectively teaches away from the instant application.

There is nothing within Pleso, either explicit or implicit, which suggests that **the universal contextual interface of a first device (i.e., source device) is directly invoked by a second device (i.e., requesting device) to allow the contextual data of the first device to be transferred to the second device, thereby avoiding the need of downloading and installing the universal contextual interface onto the second device**.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 11, and 20 to clarify that embodiments of the present invention provide a universal contextual interface associated with a first device for transferring contextual data from the first device to a second device. **In particular, the universal contextual interface of the first device is directly invoked by the second device to allow the contextual data to be transferred to the second device, thereby avoiding the need of downloading and installing the universal contextual interface onto the second device**. These amendments find support in paragraphs [0026]-[0028] and [0038]-[0039] of the instant application.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11, and 20 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-10, which depend upon claim 1, claims 12-19, which depend upon claim 11, and claims 21-28, which depend upon claim 20, are for the

same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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